

What prompted President Franklin Roosevelt's ill-fated "court packing" proposal?

He was frustrated over the refusal of older, conservative judges to retire.

When was the Wagner-Steagall Act passed? What did it do?

1) 1937 2) It established the US Housing Authority (USHA), which could borrow money to lend to local agencies.

Explain the Second Agricultural Adjustment Act of February 1938?

This act appropriated funds for soil-conservation payments to farmers who would remove land from production.

What did the Selective Service and Training Act do?

Approved in September of 1940, the act created the nation's first peacetime draft.

What was significant about the Democrats nominating President Franklin Roosevelt for re-election in 1940?

Since Roosevelt was being nominated for a third term, it broke with a tradition that had existed since the time of Washington that presidents would only serve two terms.

What did the GI Bill of 1944 do?

The GI Bill provided returning servicemen with \$13 billion in aid ranging from education to housing.

When was the Twenty-second Amendment to the Constitution ratified? What did it do?

1) 1951 2) The amendment limited the president to two terms.

How was the Democratic Party split in 1948?

1) Many southern Democrats, angered by President Harry Truman's support of civil rights, split off to form the Dixiecrat Party headed by South Carolina Governor Strom Thurmond. 2) The Progressive Party was formed as a protest against the Cold War policies of the Truman administration. It nominated former Vice President Henry Wallace for president.

What was the Fair Deal Program?

The Fair Deal Program was President Truman's proposals to enlarge and extend the New Deal. Some of its provisions included increasing the minimum wage, extending Social Security, and building more public housing.

What was the purpose of the Loyalty Review Board? Why was it created?

1) The Loyalty Review Board's purpose was to review the patriotism and loyalty of government employees. 2) It was created in response to criticism that the Truman administration was soft on Communism.

What speech propelled Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin into national prominence?

During a February 9, 1950, speech, McCarthy stated that he had a list of known Communists who were working in the State Department.

What were the results of the 1952 presidential election? What was especially significant about the election?

1) Republican Dwight Eisenhower defeated Democrat Adlai Stevenson. 2) For the first time since Reconstruction, the Republicans won some southern states.